

DECEMBER 16, 2007: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 17: Advent Weekday

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-7

8:00 a.m. No Mass (D): Communion Liturgy

3:13-4:15 CCD (D) grades 1-6

Tuesday, December 18: Advent Weekday

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

8:00 a.m. Mass: Sick & Shut-ins of St. Ann Sodality

11:30 a.m. Soup, Salad & Sandwich

1:00-2:00 Sacrament of Penance (D) [after luncheon]

7:00 p.m. RCIA (D)

Wednesday, December 19: Advent Weekday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): William, Theresa, and Eldon Monnin

5:00-6:30 Community Supper (Lutheran Church)

7:00-8:00 CCD (D) grades 7-12; (HF) 1-19

7:00-8:00 Adult Advent Program (D) (Church)

Thursday, December 20: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Jacquie J. Barga

12:00 Prayer Hour at HF

8:45-8:30 p.m. Exposition (Benediction at 8:30 p.m.)

3:00-5:00; 7:00-8:00 Sacrament of Penance (D)

Friday, December 21: Advent Weekday

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45

6:30 a.m. No Communion Liturgy (D)

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Gigandet/Shappie Families

3:00-4:00; Sacrament of Penance (D)

Saturday, December 22: Advent Weekday

1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

2:45-4:45 Sacrament of Penance (D)

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Bornhorst/Harman Families

Sunday, December 23: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Mass (HF) Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve

2 Samuel 7:1-16; Luke 1:67-79

5:00 pm. Mass (D): Rodney and Dorothy Martino

10:30 p.m. Mass (D): Parishioners

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Mass (HF) Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Joseph did not judge Mary as others did; whom are we called to receive in our community without judgment? The readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24. See the insert for the Christmas readings.

BAPTISM

The pre-baptismal programs for new or expectant parents will take place in 2008 on January 20, April 20, July 20 and October 19. Please call the office to register.

PROJECT RACHEL, AFTER ABORTION

The Archdiocese sponsors Project Rachel for healing after abortion. Call 937-492-4449 for more information. Call 513-588-0080 or email pfeirstine@cinci.rr.com for more information.

Marriage Encounter, February 15-17, can enhance your marriage. Please call 1-800-547-1251 Code 00. **Retrouaille** (French for Rediscovery) can help you save your marriage. Please call 1-800-470-2230 for more information.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS December 22 - 25, 2007

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday: December 22

Ushers: Group 3 *Lector:* Peggy Borgerding *Deacon Jack*

Eucharist: Jennifer Treon, Jeff Keiser, Karen Keiser (P);

Sharon Kramer, Stephanie Kramer, Brittany McMaken, Ryan McMaken, Shirley McMaken, Katie Mestemaker, Barbara Monnin (C); *Servers:* Stephanie McMaken, Baleigh Reed, Laura Subler

Gifts: Dave & Cheryl Huelskamp Family

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, December 23

Ushers: Group 10 *Lector:* Kim Borchers

Eucharist: Elaine Bohman, John Harman, Nicholas Harman, (P);

Michael Liette, Mike McClurg, Dale Meier, Carl Meyer, Linda Meyer, Mary Jean Meyer, Paul Meyer, Lester Monnin

Servers: Emily Harman, Ryan Borchers, Adam Borchers

Gifts: Jim and Mary Lou Nerderman

9:30 a.m. Mass (HF):

Ushers: Mark and Luke Kremer

Lector: Bob Mayo *Eucharist:* Susan Grilliot (P), John Grilliot and Linda Pohlman (C); *Servers:* Justin and Brittany Bruns and Jason Bergman

Gifts: Delbert and Janice Dirksen Family

Cleaning: Irene Berning, Janice Dirksen, Esther Heckman (Call the rectory for directions to the key.)

11:00 a.m. Mass (D):

Ushers: Group 15 *Lector:* Bethany Brandewie

Eucharist: Brian Griesdorn, Jean Grieshop, Marvin Luthman (P);

Doris Goubeaux, Maria Goubeaux, Betsy Moorman, Ken Moorman, Krista Phlipot, Kathy Grilliot, Kristen Schulte, Abbey Schlater

Servers: Katey Wendel, Bailey DeMange, Mitchell Stover

Gifts: Kevin Grilliot Family

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Christmas Eve Deacon Jack

Ushers: Group 4 *Lector:* Don Brocius

Eucharist: Jane Pierron, Marvin Pierron, Michael Kramer (P); Diane

Martino, Kim Murphy, Bonnie Phlipot, Judy Pierron, Sandy Pierron, Mary Prakes, Ryan Rose, Jennifer Treon, Brian Kramer, Kristi Luthman, Michael Heft

Servers: Zachary Grilliot, Samuel Prakes, Brian Kramer, Andrew Kramer

Gifts: Steve & Judy Cordonnier Family

10:30 p.m. Mass (D): Christmas Eve

Ushers: Group 1 *Lector:* Randy Gump

Eucharist: Jim Nerderman, Mary Lou Nerderman, Ken Moorman (P);

Therese Pohlman, Mary Ann Gump, Brittany Reed, Betsy Moorman, Matt Schmitmeyer, Peggy Bernholt, Jennifer Paulus, Ron Stauffer (C); *Servers:* Joshua Paulus, Laura Paulus, Jacquie Moorman

Gifts: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Christmas Day

Ushers: Group 6 *Lector:* Jeff Keiser

Eucharist: Sharon Pepiot, Betty Poly, Tom Watren (P); Karen Keiser,

Dan Saintignon, Rich Schwieterman, Kelly Schwieterman, Reyna Shardo, Lauren Subler, Jerry Wilker, Joanna Puthoff

Servers: Ann Borchers, Joshua Borchers, Casey Rismiller,

Gifts: Jerry and JoAnn Wilker

9:30 a.m. Mass (HF): Christmas Day Deacon Jack

Ushers: Mark and Luke Kremer

Lector: Melvin Stucke *Eucharist:* Mary Hartke (P), Ken Hartke and

Deacon Jack (C); *Servers:* Josh and Neil Didier and Alex Dirksen

Gifts: Brad and Lil Bruns Family

11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Christmas Day (Signed Mass)

Ushers: Group 11 *Lector:* Brittany Drees

Eucharist: Janet Turner, John Schmitmeyer, Marlene Schmitmeyer (P); Ted Schmitmeyer, Michael Schmitmeyer, Kathy Wood, Bryant

Ahrens, Russ Beisner, Christine Borchers, Nicholas Eilerman, Jennifer Francis

Servers: Joanna Cruz, Kirstie Hartzell, Laura Condon

Gifts: Anna Cruz Family

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in St Denis Church basement
Everybody welcome.

Catholics, non-Catholic spouses, others.

FATHER DAVE

We have a serious obligation to take part in the Sunday Eucharist on every Sunday and Holyday of Obligation. A serious obligation requires serious reasons not to fulfill it. Sickness, bad health, pressing family needs, severe weather conditions, serious work obligations and such can negate the serious obligation. The impossibility of fulfilling an obligation negates the obligation. Unintentional forgetting an obligation and remembering it afterwards does not negate an obligation, but it does render the forgetter innocent of sin because the one who forgot did not have an opportunity to decide not to fulfill the obligation.

If a person can gather for the Eucharist without serious inconvenience, the person ought to. People with serious health problems sometimes consider that, if they had tried harder, they could have made it. Sometimes they try in very bad weather or with great physical impairment to come to Mass. Sometimes their driving creates hazards for others. Such have a valid excuse for not gathering with us for the Eucharist although they want to and we miss them. Mere age, however, does not excuse; hundred year olds have the same obligations younger people have, unless they have serious health problems.

Wanting to gather for the Eucharist and not having the ability or the occasion can make people disappointed in themselves, but feeling sad about missing Mass through no fault of their own does not make them guilty even though they have guilt feelings. Guilt feelings do not make them guilty.

We can only sin when we can or should have the ability to choose between good and evil. If we cannot choose, we cannot sin. To make a long article short, if you missed the Holyday on December 8 because you forgot, had the wrong Mass schedule or had to work and could not get out of it, you did not sin.

LITURGY AND SILENCE

We use silence to allow God to draw us more deeply into his mystery. The Three-Minute Catechesis last Sunday identified several times when we should have silence. During the Penitential Rite, we pause to reflect on our sinfulness and before the Opening Prayer we pause to make out personal intentions. Before the first reading and after the first and second reading and the homily, we observe silence to prepare to listen to the readings and to reflect on the passages proclaimed. We also sit and observe silence after the bustle of the communion procession has ended, this time to join in praise of God.



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Steubenville Youth Conference: We
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COLLECTION	
December 9, 2007	
Holy Family	
Envelopes (31)	\$ 717.00
Loose (38)	\$ 155.00
Total	\$ 872.00
Holyday	\$ 376.00
Religious Retire.	\$ 698.00
St Denis	
Envelopes (200)	\$ 2896.50
Loose (197)	\$ 1017.31
Total	\$ 3913.81
Holyday	\$ 1239.00
Religious Retire.	\$ 2822.07
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MANY THANKS	

for the conference will be approximately \$215.00 per person. The youth ministry usually pays a portion of it. A down payment of \$30.00 will guarantee you a spot. Please turn in your reservations by Friday, January 4.

Giving Trees, food and clothing drives:

a. Giving Tree Ornaments: Please follow the instructions on the back of the ornaments as to wrapping or not wrapping and delivery date.

b. Kentucky: Food: We ask that each parish family donate one gift basket with the following items: box of instant potatoes; cake or brownie mix; canned fruit or cranberry sauce; package of gravy; muffin or biscuit mix; 2 packages of jell-o; mini marshmallows; canned yams and a box of stuffing. Please put these things in the back of church between now and December 19. **Clothing:** We shall have a truck in the St. Denis church parking lot on December 17-19 for used clothing and household items in good condition, including furniture and working appliances. You can put them directly onto the truck. Thanks so much for the wonderful response we have received for these missions in the past. **Kentucky Trip:** We will deliver all these items to Kentucky on December 20-21. We will need help putting together food baskets and distributing these items to families in need. High school students and adults can help. Pick up a form after Mass.

Live Nativities: We will have a Live Nativity at all the Christmas Masses. We are inviting youth, young adults, and families. If your family would like to do a live nativity at any of the Christmas liturgies, contact Mike.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thanks to all who participated in the Penance Service last Thursday. We host a similar one here in March.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24: 5:00 (Vigil at D)
 10:30 (Night at D)
 December 25: 8:00 (D)
 9:30 (HF)
 11:00 (D)

COMMUNITY SUPPER – ALL WELCOME
 Every Wednesday, 5:00-6:30
 At Trinity Lutheran Church
 We cook this Wednesday

Join us for Soup, Salad and Sandwich this Tuesday at 11:30. Our menu includes chicken noodle soup, made from real chicken and real noodles. Join some of the best people in the area. Come to the church basement. Come as you are; bring a good appetite and friends. High school students may come also.

WELCOME

We welcome all here, whether longtime residents or newly-arrived, whether Catholic or not, whether interested in the Catholic Church or not. If you have a comment or would like to register or give a change of address, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or mail it to the office.

Name: _____ Address: _____
 ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

